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KANSAS CITY PRAIRIE HAY MARKET

Only one car of prairie hay was received at Kansas City during the past week, compared with 11 cars a week ago, according to the AMS. Several cars were available for the open market from last week's arrivals early in the period, but after these were cleaned up, team tracks were bare of offerings.

Local feeding interests selected the best quality lots, but paid somewhat lower prices than recently. Shippers and merchandisers absorbed the few medium grade cars. Shipping orders for prairie from western Kansas virtually disappeared from the Kansas City market, but advices from producing areas indicated a good movement continued by truck from eastern Kansas to points farther west. Truckers were asking $11 per ton for prairie hay delivered in the Larned, Kas., district.

In the western part of Kansas, limited supplies of roughage were being depleted rapidly. Movement of cattle to market has been normal, however, except a few herds of short fed cattle being moved that ordinarily would have been marketed at a later date. Melting snow provided some relief from the shortage of stock water which has existed in many places since last fall, but additional precipitation will be necessary to provide general relief.

Sales of prairie at Kansas City for the week: No. 1, 3 cars $8, No. 3, 1 car $7.25, 1 car $7 per ton.

Current quotations, basis U. S. Standards, are as follows:

UPLAND PRAIRIE

No. 1	$8.00-8.50
No. 2	7.50-8.00
No. 3	5.50-7.00
Sample	4.00-5.50

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